

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME





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Headmasters Welcome

A warm welcome to Ellesmere College - an Independent Boarding School for boys and girls aged 7 – 19, founded in 1884 and set in the Shropshire market town of Ellesmere.

Ellesmere's educational philosophy is that we all learn differently. Ellesmere knows that students develop at different rates and at different times.

Ellesmere is an innovative, forward thinking, education centre that has a long tradition of high levels of excellence and achievement in academic, sporting and co-curricular opportunities.

The support for each individual student is therefore tailored so each can confidently embark on the journey and become 'Life Ready', offering students the very best in education today. Additionally the College is now an accredited 'High Performance Learning World Class School 2021'.

We treat every student as an individual and are proud of our strong heritage that provides a platform for growth for our student's academic and personal journeys.

The College provides teaching and learning of the highest quality. We are proud of the high performance of successive generations of students who have ensured that the College is noted both nationally and internationally for its achievements.

Our dedicated and experienced teachers have an unrivalled passion for their subjects that drives success through all our courses, co-curricular opportunities and pastoral care that we have to offer.



"Ellesmere College is very successful in meeting its aims to provide an all-round education for pupils in a happy and caring environment"

> Mr B Wignall Headmaster

Independent Schools Inspectorate



The University of London

The University of London is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the UK and is internationally regarded as a centre of academic excellence.

In the 2013-2014 academic year, the University of London launched its International Foundation Programme, a challenging and inspiring programme designed to provide students with the skills and knowledge to prepare them for rigorous undergraduate study.

An award from the University of London is a highly respected and valued qualification by employers and universities worldwide. On successfully completing the qualification you will receive the University of London International Foundation Certificate.



The International Foundation Programme

On successful completion of the International Foundation Certificate, students are guaranteed entry to most degrees offered at University of London Recognised Teaching Centres.

Furthermore, many of the UK's most prestigious universities will accept successful completion of the International Foundation Programme as meeting their entry requirements and will consider applications from students who have this qualification.

This is due to the University of London being one of the world's leading universities, internationally recognised for its high academic standards.

Students have gone on to study at prestigious universities in the UK, such as Durham, Edinburgh, King's College London, London School of Economics, Manchester, Warwick and at universities in Australia, Canada and the USA.

For more information and to see a sample list of universities that have made offers to IFP students in recent years, please visit: www.london.ac.uk/ifp





The International Foundation Programme at Ellesmere College

Courses

For those students looking to enter university via the International Foundation Programme, candidates will study the **four** courses listed below:

Economics

Mathematics & Statistics

Chemistry

Pure Mathematics Pass 40%-59%

Merit 60%-69%

Distinction 70% +

The IFP is a **1-year programme**, delivered over two academic terms from September with the examinations in April/May of the academic year.

Candidates who pass all four units are awarded the University of London International Foundation Certificate with a grade of 'Pass', 'Merit' or 'Distinction'



IFP compared to A-level grades:

Pass = C Merit = B Distinction = A





Weekly Teaching Schedule

| Lesson times | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Student own time using resources on Portal | Maths & Stats Homework | Chemistry Homework | Pure Maths Homework | Economics Homework | |
| 4.00 -5.15pm UK 9.00 - 10.15am | Maths & Stats Online Lesson | Chemistry Online Lesson | Pure Maths Online lesson | Economics Online Lesson | Economics Online Lesson |
| 5.30 - 6.45pm UK 10.30 - 11.45am | Economics Online Lesson | Pure Maths Online lesson | Maths & Stats Online Lesson | Maths & Stats Online Lesson | Chemistry Online Lesson |
| 7.00 - 8.15pm UK 12.00 - 1.15pm | Pure Maths Online lesson | | | Chemistry Online Lesson | |

- ✓ Taught 3.5 hours per week per course = 14 hours
- ✓ Required homework 2 hours per week per course = 8 hours
- ✓ Total 22 hours a week





Programme Guidance

starts



October: Start university application process



Mid-December: End of term break complete university application

September: IFP first term ____ **January:** IFP second term starts



Late March: End of term break and revision



April: Prepare for and take for IFP exams

May: Deadline for taking IELTS to meet university admission requirements



June: IFP exam and IELTS test results released; students make final decision on university choice.



July - August: Apply for university study visa

We have a long and successful track record of placing international students at top universities in the UK and around the world.





A Tailored Approach to Learning

- Tuition will be delivered by our highly qualified subject specialist teachers in small groups and seminar sessions.
- ✓ A weekly structured timetable will enable your planning for each week of set lessons.
- Dedicated and expert support for university applications.
- ✓ A full subject guide for each course
- Access to online resources and materials from the University of London
- ✓ Sample Examination Materials
- A programme handbook with practical advice and information
- Unique access to the Ellesmere Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), which includes a wide variety of interactive online material.

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The programme has been designed to ensure that you achieve high academic standards, learn appropriate subject knowledge and acquire both the skills and intellectual curiosity necessary to succeed at university.

Lynne Roberts, Director
International Foundation Programme

To be successful on this course, students must be mature, self-motivated, disciplined and independent learners with a strong work ethic and who are fully committed to the programme and their chosen courses.





Pastoral Support

Ellesmere College values individuals.

- Our priority is to enable students to achieve their full academic potential.
- ✓ Highly qualified and experienced subject specialist teachers
- ✓ Ongoing academic and pastoral support
- ✓ We carry out regular assessment sessions to ensure progress is being maximised and a programme is put in place to facilitate any support that may be needed.
- From the beginning of the IFP journey, you will have access to our highly skilled and specialist staff to help you.
- ✓ The academic tutor will assist, support and guide each student with their application to University.
- ✓ The IFP is one of the most widely accepted foundation programmes in the world.
- ✓ Take advantage of our Careers Team and Sixth Form Specialists

Pastoral Care Student Welfare Behaviour Management Each student is part of a Saints Is based upon a principle of care There is equal importance given to House. Students are able to and concern for the welfare the development of those critical forge vital relationships with of every child. The process is ingredients in the way students each other, their Personal Tutor, intended to provide a consistent approach their schooling: Housemaster/Mistress and approach for teachers to assist confidence organisation. students to develop appropriate Housemother, Parents are closely persistence and cooperation. involved with House life, through behaviour and life skills - which the many parental events and are highly valued within the home communications. College and the wider community. STUDENT **PASTORAL** SUPPORT

Support for Learning

Some pupils work with specialist support staff on an individual basis or in small groups. The session are geared around each students needs and tailored to support the pupil throughout their time at Ellesmere.

Specialist Staff

- English as an Additional Language
 Support for Learning
- Deputy Head Pastoral Student Counsellor
 International Student Coordinator
- Deputy Head Academic School Nurses





A Platform for Success

Quality of learning

The programme has been designed to ensure that you achieve high academic standards, learn appropriate subject knowledge and acquire both the skills and intellectual curiosity necessary to succeed at university.

A stepping stone to undergraduate study

IFP provides you with the skills needed for successful undergraduate study. Most UK universities accept the International Foundation Programme for entry to undergraduate degrees.

A recognised qualification from a prestigious institute

The University of London is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the UK and is internationally regarded as a centre of academic excellence. Your results on the IFP will be considered for competitive entry with other equivalent qualifications, such as A level and the International Baccalaureate (IB).

Relevant course materials

You'll engage with contemporary issues, using real-world examples, and will be supported by tutors at your local Recognised Teaching Centre.

Join the world-class

Students have gone to study at prestigious universities in the UK, such as Durham, Edinburgh, King's College London, London School of Economics, Manchester, Warwick and at universities in Australia, Canada and the USA.





The Application Process

To be eligible for the International Foundation Programme, applicants will need:

- ✓ To be aged between 17 and 19 before the 31st December in the year of registration
- ✓ To hold an English language minimum requirement IELTS 5.5 or equivalent
- ✓ To complete the Ellesmere IFP Application Form
- ✓ Submit all the relevant materials, as described in the Application Form.
- ✓ Successfully pass the Ellesmere Password Online Application tests in English and Maths
- ✓ Interview, if applicable

Application Documents Required with Registration Form

- IFP Application Form
- Personal Statement
- Passport Page
- ☐ High school transcripts and a translated copy of it
- ☐ High school Certificate and a translated copy of it
- ☐ Fees: The course fee for this online delivered programme by Ellesmere College is £18,000. In addition to this, there will also be a University of London enrolment fee of £2324* (subject to change)





To find out more and to register please contact: 01691 626 510 • www.ellesmere.com

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